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FALCONS CONQUER EUROPE



Fromage!



Queso!

by Gregory Kraemer

February 13, 1983: that was the day eight Bishop Ford students and Mrs. DiSanto left for their nine-day trip to France. They left on Sebena Airlines from J.F.K. airport and landed at Brussels Airport seven hours later.

The first thing they wanted to do when they landed was to go to their hotel, rest, eat, and then do a little sightseeing. Some important places that were visited during the trip were the Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, l'Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, Sacre Coeur (Sacred Heart Church), Notre Dame Cathedral, the Loire Valley, the Louvre, and Jim Morrison's Grave.

While abroad, the group also had a chance to taste some foreign gourmet foods, such as, Coq Au Vin (Rooster in Wine Sauce), Crepes (small, round, doughy pancakes), Chocolate Mousse, and Escarrot (snails in garlic and melted butter).

During the trip some of the students preferred going out on their own for a few hours. For instance, some decided to do a little shopping on the

world famous Champs Elysees, some to go to the Louvre to see the Mona Lisa or the Venus de Milo, and still others preferred just to sip perrier and watch the Parisians at a sidewalk cafe or even at one of the five Burger Kings in Paris.

On their way home the bunch ran into a little trouble after leaving Brussels Airport and had to stop in London for several hours. Then, finally, they were back at J.F.K. at 8:00 p.m. When asked what he thought of the trip, one of the students replied, "The trip possessed a certain sais quoit that was unquestionably nouveau."

If the Champs Elysees or the Eiffel Tower aren't what you seek, than maybe you would have enjoyed the trip to Spain.

On March 24, Miss Herman, along with twenty-nine others, including twenty-seven students from Ford and six other adults, took off for a two-week trip to Spain.

While in Spain the group visited Sevilla, Madrid, Granada and Torremolinos.

The activities that took place were sightseeing, carriage rides, watching exotic

birds, taking a hydrofoil ride to Africa, and just relaxing.

When I asked Indra Gandy, one of the students who went on the trip, what she thought about it, she intellectually replied, "My trip to Spain was a very fulfilling experience which I will never forget. Spain's people and surroundings are not too different from ours when you're in the city, but when you go out to the more secluded towns, it's as if you were in a totally different place, because you are! The best way to describe Spain is that it's a new country; but, then, it's old—the best of both worlds, you might say."

In the hotels we stayed in, the atmosphere was pleasant and the hospitality was wonderful. As far as the activity, there wasn't that much, except for the beach and pool in Costa del Sol, and an occasional shopping spree. Oh, and, of course, the discoteques!

The highlights of the trip were the tours we took to cathedrals, to smaller sections of Spain, and to Morocco. The architecture within and outside the cathedrals was simply fantastic."

N.H.S. and Track Sponsor Second Annual Fun Run

by James Toppin

Once again there has been a special event that the entire school could have participated in, Bishop Ford's Second Annual Fun Run.

This year's Fun Run took place on Wednesday, June 1st. It's an easy 3½ mile run through Prospect Park. The event was sponsored by the National Honor Society and the track team. It's an activity for those who want to prove that they are in shape and for those who don't care. It's for students and faculty, skateboarders and cyclists.

The run serves a dual purpose. The number-one purpose is a financial one. Money raised went to Ford's scholarship fund. The fund money

is used to help those students who might not remain in school because of economic considerations. The second reason, somewhat important, is to raise school spirit. One gets a great feeling seeing a hundred Falcons supporting a good cause. Besides that, it gives you something to do after school.

With an entrance fee of six dollars, each participant receives a red and white tee shirt.

Everyone who took part last year had the satisfaction of finishing. All came in under an hour. When we returned, refreshments were handed out and prizes were awarded for 1st. runner, 1st. skater, 1st. teacher, and others.

\$400 Raised for Needy

by Marie Boursequet

During the lenten season, a collection was taken up in all the religion classes, which amounted to \$400.00. This money was donated to various charities, \$200.00 of which was given to Christian Help of

Park Slope to help the homeless, \$100.00 to Providence House for Battered Women, and \$10.00 to the Apostolate of the Sea for Stranded Sailors. The three charities responded to our generosity with thank-you letters.

Ecology Club Plants Maples

by Joseph J. Selch

In the past the Ecology Club has planted three Norway maples and two London plane trees. This year the club was given a project by Brother Michel to beautify the school even more by planting five flowering trees, which are going to be a crab-apple, a mountain ash, and a cherry tree. This will be done at the school's expense.

This year the Ecology Club raised \$194 with which it bought a Honey Locust and plaques to place on the trees the club has already planted.

The Ecology Club's long-range plan is to plant shade trees all around Bishop Ford. We are sure that Mrs. Skalecky and her Ecology Club will finish this project and may one day move on to plant trees all around Brooklyn.

Club Members Honored

by Elizabeth O'Keeffe

On May 10th at 7:30 p.m., the Bishop Ford community honored those students who participated in extra-curricular activities this year. We were entertained by two routines performed by the jazz club and our own librarian, Mr.

John Bate. Coffee and cake were served afterwards in celebration of the event. Two special awards, "I Dare You" awards, were given to juniors Joe Navarra and Bridgette Huacey for their leadership, character and involvement in school activities.

The Class of 1983 will have their Graduation Liturgy and Breakfast on Friday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Ford Conducts Blood Drive



Michael Young pleads for mercy.

El Salvador Must Not Become Another Viet Nam

by Martin Brennan

Our generation should have extreme interest in all events concerning El Salvador. After all, if American involvement in the tiny Spanish-speaking country ever escalates to occupation by American troops, it will be you and I who will be carrying the M-16's into the jungle.

Revolution is virtually a way of life in South America. In the U.S.A. we have elections, in South America they have revolutions. Most of the revolutions are caused by the ineptness of governments who are replaced by new, power-hungry groups, who are also inept. In this way, the cycle is renewed. The present government in El Salvador was approved in a free-election by the majority of the people. The marxist rebels, being armed by Russia through Nicaragua, are still fighting, even though popular support is against them.

The Soviet Union is already allied with Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada, and is shooting for El Salvador or anything else that is available (Mexico?). The plain truth is that the Soviet Union is determined to control the whole world, and the only object standing in its way is the United States. Their threat to control Central America is real and must be faced with sternness and courage, whether we like it or not.

President Reagan's proposal of 110 million dollars in aid to El Salvador is not only legitimate, it is absolutely necessary. We must keep the fragile balance of power, even by aggressively opposing Soviet expansion in Latin America. The amount that the President is asking for is relatively small when compared to other foreign aid programs.

Many people have been concerned that our present policy towards El Salvador sounds frighteningly similar to our early Vietnam policies. The American people will not stand for such another senseless loss of American lives. President Reagan has assured us that none of our troops will be sent to the jungles of Central America.

The present administration must put pressure on the Salvadoran government to improve its human rights policies. Remember, this is the same country that killed four American churchwomen (including Ida Ford) and continuously violates its citizens' rights by murdering and imprisoning them. The real way to prevent communism in Latin America is through economic aid and by putting pressure on Latin governments to improve their human rights policies, thereby destroying the need for alternative governments.

The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming!

by Andrew Cole

Within the next thirty days Congress will decide whether the MX missile, the largest and most accurate missile ever built by the United States, will be deployed. The proposed plan for the MX missile is to place 100 missiles in underground silos in Nebraska and Wyoming that are currently being occupied by the outdated Minuteman 3 missiles.

Military experts believe that the MX provides such a potent retaliatory threat that the Soviet Union will be deterred from starting a nuclear war. The MX is powerful enough to reach and destroy fortified Soviet missile shelters. Before the MX, the U.S. has not had a missile powerful and accurate enough to threaten Soviet missile silos, their leaders, and fortified shelters, some 100 feet underground. The MX will also lessen the gap between American and Soviet weaponry. By closing this gap the U.S. will effectively kill any attempt by the Russians to try "nuclear blackmail" against the United States.

Besides having military advantages, the MX missile can also play a major role in bargaining seriously for a reduction in strategic weapons between the Soviets and the Americans. If the Americans have as much to lose (or to gain) as the Russians, the Soviets will be more willing to give in to nuclear reduction plans. Until this time, the idea of uni-lateral disarmament is absurd, since the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. completely mistrust one another.

A third reason to deploy the MX missile would be to show America's resolve to stand up to the Russians. This show of determination would aid America's NATO allies who are attempting to gain enough support for the deployment of medium-range missiles in Europe later on this year.

Opponents of the MX fear that the MX might be used as a first-strike weapon, or that the Russians might view it as one, increasing the threat of nuclear war. Personally, I feel that this idea is absurd. First of all, the Russians are well aware that the Americans do not want to start a war. Secondly, any deployment of fewer than 200 missiles (the MX plan only involves 100 missiles) would be too small to be considered a first-strike threat.

Since the MX satisfies the wishes of Americans in favor of a strong U.S. defense program, as well as aiding in arms reduction negotiations, I feel it would be against the wishes of the American public to kill the bill proposing deployment of the MX. Although it is unlikely that the MX bill will be passed as it stands, I predict that after several minor adjustments are made, the bill will be passed.

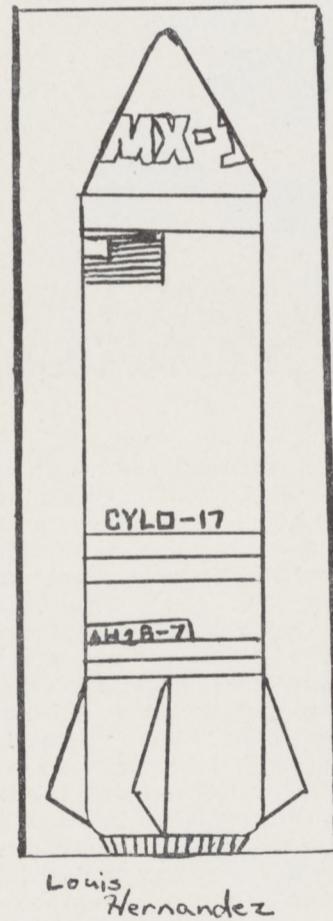
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Congratulations to Martin Brennan, this year's Editorial Editor of **Highpoint**, for winning third prize for his bi-monthly column at the **Tablet** High School Press Awards Luncheon, and to Andrew Cole for winning third prize for his editorial on teenage drinking. The luncheon took place on Thursday, May 26 at St. Francis College.



**FORD'S
Talent Show
ON
June 8 at 7:30 p.m.
IN THE
AUDITORIUM
—
Catch the Act!**

LEBANON: A Real Blast

by Martin Brennan

When speaking about the terrorist bombing of the U.S. embassy in Beirut that killed both American and Lebanese citizens, not enough can be said about the extreme cowardliness of the attackers. The so-called "Moslem Holy War" groups with Iranian ties have claimed responsibility for the blast. This group's basic philosophy is "death to America and its imperialistic goals." The U.S. peacekeeping force is in Beirut to help the Lebanese government rebuild its war-ravaged country. The marines who daily patrol the dangerous streets of Beirut don't even have loaded guns. To me, this sounds hardly imperialistic. When was the last time you heard of Russia trying to negotiate a settlement between two enemies?

Unfortunately, the cowardly terrorists who performed this unprovoked act of aggression can't be found immediately and punished. Meanwhile, we have no other choice but to continue in our role as peacekeeper in a country that has been a victim of bloody hatred for too many years.

What we must do as a nation is regain the respect that our country should have as the weight that keeps the balance of power even. We have to find and punish the conspirators who committed this evil deed. We must show that the U.S. will no longer be a wall for other countries to beat out their frustrations on. Since we are not the aggressors in this world, we must not let other countries perform similar acts of violence against us. On the level of nation to nation, we must fight fire with fire.

As if we didn't already have our hands full preventing the spark that will set off the mid-east powder keg, we find that there is growing tension between American and Israeli troops. The altercations range from street fights to shootings. One memorable incident occurred when a marine captain with a pistol forced three Israeli tanks to slip into reverse and retreat out of the American zone they wished to enter.

These incidents are just a few illustrations of the high-voltage tensions that have built up in the region. There are three armies in Lebanon: Israeli, Syrian, and a U.N. peace-keeping force (not to mention the P.L.O.). The only real solution is to strengthen the Lebanese government and army so that all forces can be removed from the region and a catastrophic confrontation will be avoided.

Nazis Forge Ahead

by Roxanne Whitaker

There are so many doubts about the recent Hitler diaries that it isn't fair to call them diaries or actually to link them to Hitler himself.

The diaries were found in a hayloft where they were apparently hidden for 35 years. Soon afterwards, some entries from the diaries were published in the **London Times** in England. Handwriting experts from all over the world flocked to West Germany to examine this amazing find.

The diary itself consists of 62 volumes of books, supposedly handwritten by the Führer himself in the years from June 1932, seven months before Hitler became Germany's Chancellor, to mid-April 1945, two weeks before his death and the fall of the Third Reich. Most of the volume's pages have Hitler's signature, and each page has an imprint of the swastika.

The writings are very varied. Hitler supposedly writes about his fellow Nazis, some of them in an extremely bad light. For example, Hitler spoke about the head of the Gestapo at the time, Heinrich Himmler, in the following way: "I shall show this deceitful small animal breeder, this unfathomable little penny pincher with his lust for power, what I am really like." He expressed extreme admiration for Britain's Prime Minister at the time, Neville Chamberlain, and he talked very intimately about his mistress, Eva Braun. Hitler talked about mass drownings of Jews at sea. He considered putting all Jews on a boat and sending troops to sink the boat. Whoever tried to swim for safety would be shot immediately or tortured until dead.

But Hitler historians say that the latter part of the diary is fake because, after an assassination attempt on Hitler's life in 1944, his right arm, his writing arm, was paralyzed. He couldn't even shake hands. So, many people believe that this diary is a forgery and refuse even to look at or read articles concerning this subject, calling it sensationalized or **Enquirer-like** journalism.

Successful Season for Soccer

by Martin Brennan

The most successful and yet the most unpublicized team of the 1982-83 season was the varsity soccer team. The starting team was extremely young, consisting of: 1 senior, 2 juniors, 5 sophomores, and 3 freshmen.

After dominating the Brooklyn division and finishing with an overall 10-4 record, the squad moved on to play undefeated powerhouse Holy Cross for the Brooklyn-Queens championship. The young Ford team emerged as the victors in a tremendous upset in a game that included four OT's and penalty-kicks. Although the team was eliminated in the semi-finals of the City-championship, their season can be considered nothing less than very successful.

Their goal now is to set their sights on next season and the championships that are just waiting to be won.



A Fond Farewell

by Liz O'Keeffe

It seems like only yesterday that we, the class of 1983, entered through Ford's doors, walked up the marble steps, and began our high school careers. Yet, on June 4th, we will walk proudly through the auditorium and onto the stage to receive our diplomas.

Throughout the past four years, many things have changed for us. Our friends have changed, our career goals have changed, our lifestyles have changed, but most of all, we ourselves have changed. We entered Ford young, immature children embarking on a new adventure. Here we began to grow. We became responsible and independent. We also became aware of the problems around us and of the ways we can help solve these problems.

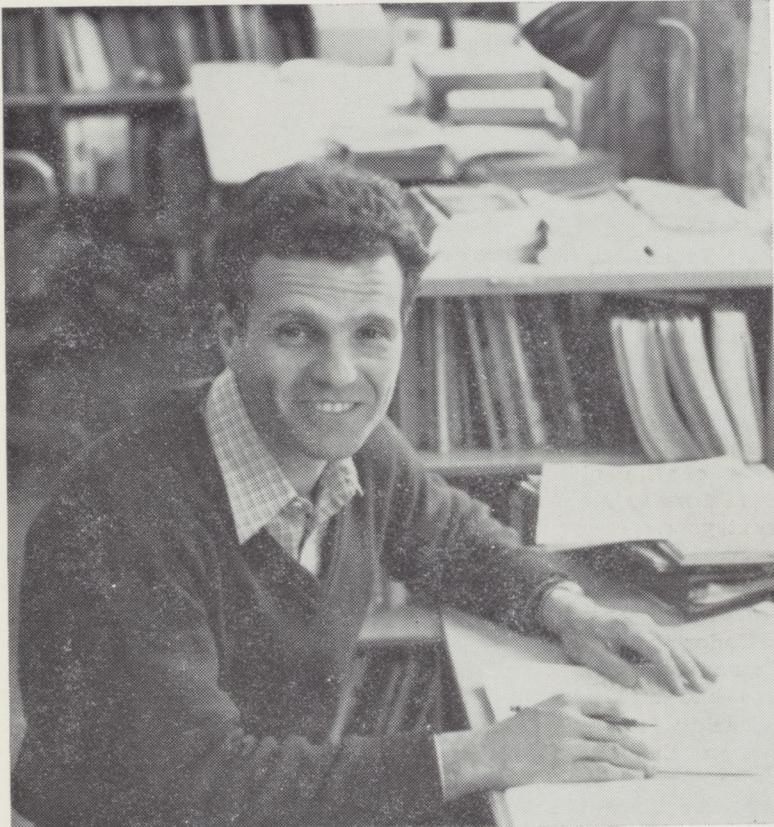
Now we leave Bishop Ford. Again we embark on a new adventure. For some, it will be college, for others, a job; for some, the future is not yet clear. As June approaches we have mixed feelings about graduation. On the one hand, we look forward to new experiences, new places, and new people. We are happy to see summer arrive and to leave our studies behind. We know we will miss the good times we've had here. The basketball games, the dances, the trips, and most of all, the faculty and studies of Bishop Ford, will be forever imprinted on our minds and in our hearts.

But time ticks on; we must look ahead, envision our future and the future of our world. This is just the beginning; graduating June 4th will be the future doctors, lawyers, priests, teachers and parents of our country. New experiences await us; some will hurt and some will be beautiful. All are part of life. All must be faced, and accepted.

We have learned to swim. The water is cold, but we must jump in and cut the surface with clean strokes. If we're swept under, we will pull ourselves up and go on. We have the determination and the endurance to reach the other side.

Faculty Focus:

MR. PAUL GAGLIO



Uncle Paulie

by Mary McEvoy

Mr. Paul Gaglio has been a part of the Ford community for the past 18 years. He attended Trinity High School and received his degrees at St. John's University and New York University. He came to Ford straight from the army.

When asked why he teaches religion, Mr. Gaglio said he believes in what he teaches and feels good about telling everyone about Christian doctrine.

"Uncle Paulie" has a very busy schedule, starting at 7:00 a.m. with driver's education, then at 8:30 he begins teaching the first of his 6 Religion classes. Mr. Gaglio remarked, "I love teaching the senior class because they are the most mature group, and they have the most personality and character."

When asked if there had

been any serious accidents in driver's education, he said, "I can't think of any particular incident because there've been so many. We're still waiting for the big one." Mr. Gaglio is best known for his bets of twinklees with driver's ed students, challenging them to pass their road tests.

Mr. Gaglio is the father of two boys, (little league sluggers), and the three of them are avid Yankee fans. In his spare time, he works on cars, goes to Yankee games, listens to opera and reads books on his favorite subjects, such as the Shroud of Turin and the John F. Kennedy assassination.

When asked about the future, Uncle Paulie's response was, "I'll remain at Ford teaching and being chairperson of the Religion department, or I'll die in a driver accident and go to heaven."

SWEET SORROW

by Patricia A. Miller

On June 4, when the last diploma is given out, it will all be over—all our four years of hardwork and memories. We will all be going in different directions and moving on with our lives. There is a very slight chance we will be together as classmates again.

We are not the same people who walked through Bishop Ford's doors in September of 1979. We have grown and matured in our four years, maybe because of the friends we've made or perhaps because of a favorite teacher who has touched our lives in a special way.

Bishop Ford has been very important to me because of the friends I've made and the things I've learned, both inside and outside of the classroom. In freshman year everyone was awed at the thought of finally being in high school. As sophomores we were "wise fools." We thought we knew everything; juniors did we know the things we were about to face. As seniors we calmed down; we were deciding to go to college or not.

Well, here we are, graduating seniors at last. We've made it through four tough years. It had its ups and downs: classes we didn't want, surprise tests, getting an 80 when you thought you had a 65 (it can really happen!). But I think the hardest part of four years of high school is saying good-bye to everyone who has touched our lives in four years.

At this time, I personally would like to thank all my friends and teachers who were there for me when I needed them.

Good-bye, and a fond farewell to Bishop Ford.

Sports Review

by Regina Brown

The j.v. baseball team is off to a very good start. The record as of May 2nd stands at 6-3. They rank fourth out of ten teams in the league, with a good chance for the playoffs.

This week's squad, under the watchful eye of Pete Iulo, has developed into a fine team. The players have performed well defensively, with excellent hitting and base running. They have made the other teams in the C.H.S.A.A. consider them a serious contender for the J.V. Championship.

This has been the most successful season for Mr. Piselli as coach of the j.v. basketball team. They finished in third place overall, with a record of 13-8. They also made the playoffs.

The team never lost more than two games in a row. The highlight of the year was beating Molloy by 15 points; the previous year they lost by 56 points. They also crucified Holy Cross by 30 points.

The freshman track team, during their cross country season, finished first in both the 'A' and 'B' teams in the Brooklyn Championship. They defeated Nazareth, Xaverian and Loughlin for the ninth year in a row. The team came in, overall, sixth out of forty schools in the City Champs. The two-mile relay team is trying to follow in the footsteps of the varsity two-mile relay. One of the top city runners is the Frosh one-mile relay.

Even though the freshman basketball team didn't live up to what was expected of them, they still had a good season. In the Msgr. Farrell Christmas Tournament the team won two out of three games to finish fourteenth out of eight teams. Throughout the year, the boys lost to first-place Loughlin and to second-place Xaverian. Neil Gouldsburg averaged 13 points per game. Late in the season Bruno Diottalivi, Ralph Amitrano, and Mike Mancusi developed their stride. If the group works harder and gets more involved in the game, they will be a very good team.

The Foreign Language Department wishes to congratulate the following students on their outstanding performance at the 29th Annual Iona College Language Day Contest held on February 26, 1983:

Martin Brennan: First Honors—Spanish Level II

Tania Serrano: Second Honors—Spanish Native

Marco Uri: First Honors—Italian III

Giorgia Mattioli: Second Honors—Italian Native

Book Review:

My Sweet Audrina

by Sonia Maria Lopez

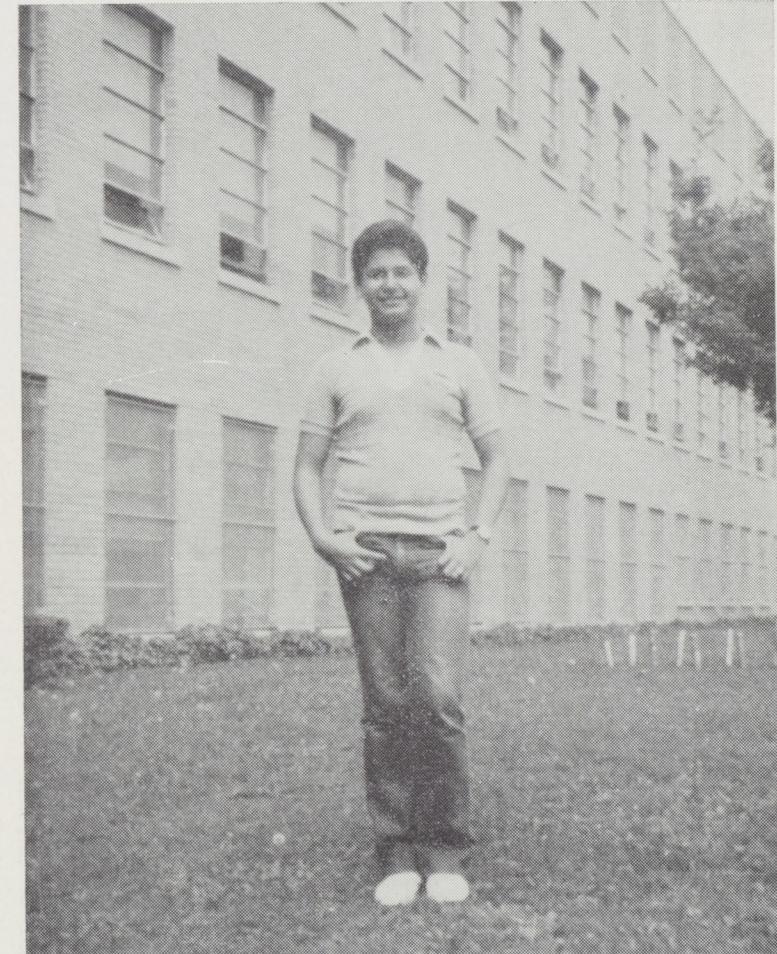
"There was something strange about the house where I grew up. There were shadows in the corners and whispers on the stairs and time was irrelevant as honesty. Though, how I knew that I couldn't say."

So unfolds another of V.C. Andrews' literary successes. V.C. Andrews, best known for her series on the Dollenganger family, including *Flowers in the Attic*, *Petals on the Wind* and *If There Be Thorns*, has now created a new set of characters and has written another best seller entitled *My Sweet Audrina*.

My Sweet Audrina is a story about a young girl, shielded from her past by her parents, and her slow but certain means of learning these dark secrets with the help of a rocking chair in a playroom.

It is an extended, fascinating novel. The suspense is sharply felt by the reader, who only reluctantly puts down the book without reaching the end. By no means is the book completed at the end. Its continuation will probably be the topic of her next best seller.

Student Spotlight: JORGE YACILA



Hallo! I'm from Peru.

by Marie Boursiquot

This month the Student Spotlight focuses on Jorge Yacila. Jorge has made himself an active member of the Bishop Ford community by participating in various clubs and activities, such as the National Honor Society, the Big Brother Program, Highpoint, Pagoda, Senior Leadership, S.A.C., J.A.C., and the math Club. In addition to his involvement, Jorge has managed to maintain a 97% average. His favorite subject is math, so it is not surprising to hear that his favorite club is the

Math Club. As far as college is concerned, Jorge would like to attend Polytechnic Institute and pursue a career in engineering. "Afterwards, I might go into engineering or form a small business. I don't want to be subject to anyone," commented Jorge. When asked what he would miss after graduation, Jorge replied, "I will miss the school, especially my friends, because we are entering another stage of life. I feel we all graduate having left a good mark that will stay with the Bishop Ford community forever."

THE YEAR IN SPORTS



Catch me if you can!

BASEBALL

The varsity baseball team so far has a record of 9-4 and is in fourth place in the CNSBBL. The team relies on Anthony Tripi and Richie Palase.

The team is young and inexperienced. Some did not play last year. Mike Sweeney is a surprise, since this is his

first year on varsity as a senior.

They have a good outfield, consisting of James Lourquet, Vinny Marra and John Cabot. The pitching is handled by Joe Ricci.

This year they hope to make the playoffs.

GIRLS' TRACK

The girls' track team suffered many disappointments this past season. The first was the dismissal of their coaches, Miss Scavuzzo and Mrs. Molloy. Then there was a lack of girls on the team. However, they still pulled through.

Cross Country proved still to be a strong season for the girls. They finished second in the Brooklyn Championship, third in the Brooklyn-Queens

Championship, and fifth in the Cities. They also qualified for the States' Cross Country Championship. The team also ran at Marist and the O.L.P. Invitational in Rhode Island.

Maura Mahon broke three school records, two in Cross-Country and one in the outdoor season. Maureen Powell is following closely in Maura's footsteps.

Maybe next year Powell will beat the other records.

SOFTBALL

Everyone should be returning next year to the girls' softball team, says Miss McGee. Many of the girls are underclassmen, with only about eight juniors returning. Since they have improved playing together by putting in a lot of time, they will come back next year stronger and equipped with the knowledge they have from the previous year.

Two of the best pitchers are Eileen Cole and Karen McGee. Alyssa Maresca has put up a good defense on second base. Lucy Fagin has contributed RBI's for the team.

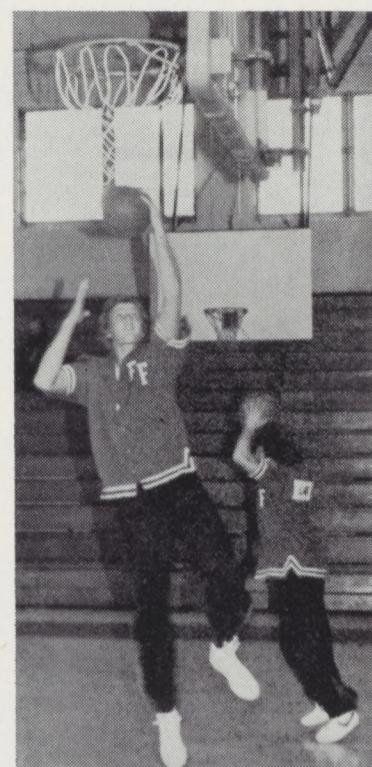
With all their improvements, the girls will be a strong team next year. They will, however, miss their manager, Maria Martinelli, who has been with the team for the past four years.



Fords' Girls' Softball Team.

GIRLS' TENNIS

The Girls' Tennis Team this year welcomed a new coach, Mrs. Schmidt. So far in the season the girls have a 3-3 record. They defeated St. John's Prep, Nazareth and Christ the King. In the St. Francis Tournament Jean Allen and Laura Allen made it into the second round. They are also the first and second players on the varsity team, along with Teresa Marcello. The double players are Michele Cirrincione, Dee Dee Dixon, Laura Prior, Adrienne Palmierie and Stephanie Kieszak.



Downs Dunking.

SWIMMING

This year four members of Bishop Ford's swimming team qualified to be in the championship swimming meet. They were Robert Dreher and Steven Hanratty, who are the captains, and Joe Connahan and James Fabrecattori. The styles that were used were back stroke, breast stroke, butterfly and freestyle. They came in twelfth out of fourteen teams in the Media Relay.

BOYS' TENNIS

This year the tennis team finished off with a 3-5 record. They had wins over Christ the King, Nazareth and St. John's Prep. All the matches were played very well by Paul Bressi and Billy Mulcahey, both first and second singles, and Andrew Cole and Charlie Esposito, first doubles.

They played in the St. Francis Tournament, where Bressi made the quarter finals. The team advanced to the Brooklyn-Queens playoff's but lost to Molloy for the second time in a month.

The squad played very well, thanks to coach Ray Habib, who contributes a lot of time and effort to his team. They fought hard, were fair losers and gracious winners. All four of the seniors plan to play tennis in college.

Who knows what after that?

WE ARE ALL SAD to be leaving Ford, and we will always remember the important years we spent here. For many, sports have enhanced our high school days.

On this page, Highpoint honors Ford's athletes and congratulates them on their fine performances.

-Regina Brown

BASKETBALL

This was a positive season for the varsity basketball team. They had a 13-9 record and at one time reached tenth in the Catholic H.S. League. Mr. Nash felt that, although they played well, the group did not play to their potential, and the team should have advanced further into the playoffs (although the team was undefeated outside of the league). The two most exciting games were played against St. Francis Prep. and Holy Cross. In the first, they went into double overtime and won. In the second, they went into triple overtime and lost.

Congratulations are in order for Steven Downs and Mergin Sina, who were both on the all-Brooklyn team, the Catholic H.S. League and the Post All-Star Team. Steven Downs received a scholarship to Bridgeport University, and Andre Pierre will be playing for Brooklyn College next year.

Next year there will be four out of five starters returning. This group, with the help of the old J.V. team, should make a good team for next year.

TRACK

Under the leadership of Mr. Fernandez, the boys track team has had an impressive year.

During the Cross-Country season the boys ran many races. They finished second in the Brooklyn Championship. There were two runners, Robert Cole and Steve Ward, who ran at the States Championship. In the Private Schools Invitational they came in second. The team took first at Temple. At Marist College they came in third.

Indoor season proved to be record-breaking. They broke the school record in the two-mile relay and in the distance medley relay. The four man relay team of Cole Ward, David Jones and Neal Lanzetta hardly ever lost a race during this time. They came in first at Brown University, Loughlin Games, Milrose Games, Yale, and Manhattan College. At the Brooklyn-Queens and Cities they earned the right to run at the States Championship, in which they came in fourth.

As for outdoor season, they qualified for the Rutgers Relays, Penn State Relays, and the Iona Relay Carnival at Randall's Island.



C'mon Maura!

VOLLEYBALL

This year's volleyball team is again to be congratulated on their first place-finish in the Brooklyn Championship. In the Brooklyn-Queens Championship they finished third. They also played in two tournaments. The team came in fourth place in the St. Francis Tournament and second place in the J.F.K. Tournament; there were teams from public and private schools. Eileen Cole and Carol Dopman made the Tablet first round all star team.

The girls finished with a 14-1 record. They were first in the division. With the help of other members, they played a good offense and defense. There were also strong hitters and good servers.